

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: September 25, 2017

Time 9:00 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Ken Alexander, Sheila Guidry, Diana Merendino, Michael Nolan, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair
Absent: Beth Hamilton

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS |
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| Call to order / establish quorum | Call to order 9:00am; quorum established | |
| Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2016 (pgs 1-4) | Minutes reviewed; no corrections recommended | Motion made by Mike Nolan to accept minutes; seconded by Sheila Guidry. All in attendance voted yes. |
| Old Business: | | |
| PICC Line Insertion (pgs 5-6) | Ken Alexander upon research found that there were a few areas in the state where PICC line placement would be relevant to the Respiratory Therapist's care of patient. These therapist were not supplementing nursing care. The RCAC referenced the Practice Act Chapter 49, Section 3353, L (v). | Sheila Guidry made a motion to allow RT's to place PICC lines "...for the purpose of administering fluids pertinent to the practice of respiratory therapy..." as stated in the Practice Act. Mike Nolan seconded the motion. All in attendance voted yes. |
| Credentials versus license | Diana Merendino reported a copy of the letter was forgotten in Shreveport. | |
| F/U CEU's | Dave Vicknair reported back from Rita Arceneaux and Mr. Bergeron, that in order to change the entities that we accepted for CEU credits, it would require a rule change. Discussion concerned placing extreme limitations on the CEU's that could be obtained for licensure renewal – Ken Alexander felt it would be too restrictive. Diana Merendino agreed on the restrictiveness of the process, however with the last audit there were many that were non-compliant based on submission and some of these individuals had been working without penalty for months before notified of non-compliance. Discussion continued on looking at | Raymond Pisani to discuss with Dr. Allen the possibility of doing an annual on-line quiz with questions pertinent to CEU renewal. |

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| | <p>the audit process to find the "real issues". First audits will be done 1 time per year with documentation submission in April. The RCAC should meet every June to review audits. June 2017 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. It was noted that quorum is not needed to do audits. The committee agreed to look at the audits that will be done today and draft letter to the Board with any concerns that are found. Ken Alexander suggested putting out another informational piece on the acceptable agencies that CEU's may be obtained – maybe look at annual renewal and on-line quiz. It was</p> <p>Dave Vicknair reported that from the previous meeting the Board approved provisional license to the 2 individuals requesting license.</p> <p>Dave Vicknair reported that the Board approved RT's for administering TB skin test under the supervision of physician.</p> | |
| <p>F/U Licensure approvals</p> | | |
| <p>TB Skin Test Administration</p> | | |
| <p>New Business:</p> | | |
| <p>M. Newell (pgs. 5-8)</p> | <p>Applicant failed exam 4 times; Board meeting to be 7-17-17, so Chairman Raymond Pisani sent in recommendation to the Board to approve license as has been done for previous applicants that had failed the exam 4 times.</p> | |
| <p>Scope of Practice</p> | | |
| <p>- J. Poirier, PFT (pg 9-10)</p> | <p>A request for the RCAC was made to look at the scope of practice in regards to an outpatient PFT laboratory of a hospital and the use of an OJT individual to perform PFT's. While the Practice Act does not affect "...any person not licensed as a respiratory therapist who is employed in a pulmonary functions laboratory or physicians office..." per Section 3361 (4). The RCAC recommends that Mr. Poirier review the by-laws of the hospital regarding licensure of RT's within their facility and also review the Louisiana Hospital Licensure</p> | <p>Raymond to send correspondence back to Jules Poirier.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Segel, Oxygen Concentrators pg. 11 - Other duties (pg. 11) | <p>Standards from the LA Department of Health: Title 48, Chapter 93, Subchapter Q, Section 9489, Paragraph B</p> <p>M. Segel inquired about about several areas concerning the setup of home oxygen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - face to face set-ups for home oxygen concentrators and the need to RT to perform this duty. RCAC committees agree that per Practice Act the home concentrator should be set-up by licensed RT. <p>The committee recommended referring the remaining questions to the <u>LSBEM</u> Board Staff who have been handling issues concerning remote delivery, etc.</p> <p>RCAC reviewed letter of anonymous RT stating that they were being pulled from RT duties to perform non-respiratory related duties. Committee felt that facilities may assign other duties, but did not feel patient's were not receiving appropriate care secondary to these duties.</p> | |
| <p>Investigations (pg. 12-24)</p> | <p>Joseph Bonck from investigations came down to discuss a complaint from a facility regarding a licensed RT exhibiting poor professional demeanor towards a patient. Upon discussion and review of the submitted findings, the RCAC felt there was "no supporting evidence" for further follow-up by the LSBME.</p> | |
| <p>CEU Audits:</p> | <p>CEU audits were completed and 68% of those reviewed were found to be compliant.</p> | |

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| 2017 Meeting Dates | December 4, 2017 | |
| Meeting Adjourned | Meeting adjourned at 11:15 | Brett Stafford made a motion to adjourn meeting; Mike Nolan seconded. All present voted yes. |